

Campbell County Police Department

As all of us continue to deal with impact of COVID-19, I thought it might be worthwhile to share some information as to how your County Police Department is operating during these challenging times. The guidance provided here applies only to our agency, as other agencies may have different practices or procedures in place. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CCPD at 859-547-3100.

Please note, by the nature of what we do, our officers come into contact with a number of people every day. As our officers interact with the public on calls, enforcement actions, etc. they are at risk of contracting the virus, and unfortunately, spreading the virus. On our end, we are doing everything we can to limit our exposure and striving to prevent spreading by continuously sanitizing our hands and maintaining social distancing. Therefore, if you have an interaction with our officers, you should expect they will stress distancing by asking you to step outside, exit your vehicle, etc. We do this to minimize risks to you, our officers, to all those we will come in to contact with thereafter, and of course, our own families.

Before getting into specific operational considerations, we want to express our appreciation to everyone in the county for all the support we have received. It has been very heartening that during these challenging times, we have seen Campbell Countians, time and time again, helping each other, looking out for one another, and making the best of this situation we find ourselves in.

CCPD Operational Considerations:

Yes, our office is still open Monday – Friday, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

We do ask that if possible, you call the office first (859-547-3100), as we may be able to address the issue, or provide guidance, over the phone. Additionally, if upon your arrival at the PD, if there are others present in the lobby area, please wait outside until the party leaves. Additionally, we have suspended the taking of fingerprints until further notice.

Yes, we are still responding to incidents that require police presence.

We are making every effort to provide as many services as we can by phone. All standard reporting, civil issues, scams, and general inquiries etc. will be completed telephonically, but if a physical response is required, we will be there.

Yes, we continue to take motor vehicle collision reports – injury and non-injury.

Once again, this is a situation where the officer will stress social distancing. They will likely request you to exit your vehicle and ask that you to move to a safe area, possibly off the shoulder of the road. Additionally, they may ask that you to layout insurance cards, registrations, licenses, etc. and step back, as opposed to taking the items from. So long as we believe we can continue to provide this service in a safe manner, we will do so.

Yes, you can, and will be if necessary, arrested in Campbell County, even if... you have COVID19.

The County Jailer has assured us they are equipped to take into custody any person who leaves us no other option but to place them under arrest. Given the risks associated with taking someone into custody and incarceration in a confined space, this is not what we would like to occur, but if necessary – it will happen!

Yes, you can still get a ticket for traffic violations.

Please be advised that if your driving behaviors necessitate our officers to pull you over, during these times of a global pandemic, I would not count on a verbal warning. There may be a greater likelihood you are cited for all legal violations the officer observes. So... lets avoid all this by driving safe, reasonable, and responsible, and... for everyone's safety – let's avoid a face to face! Also, given that the law allows for an officer to request the occupants of a vehicle to step out, you should expect to be asked to do so.

Yes, we will enforce the Governor's' Order on mass gatherings.

Under the order, persons may not gather in groups larger than 10, and social distancing is to be maintained in all cases. We realize that with everyone in a semi-state of lock down, getting together can alleviate stress; unfortunately, it can also spread the virus. If you have a gathering of some sort, please keep the number under 10. If our officers respond to the scene of a gathering in violation of this order, we will ensure compliance, and the officers will have the discretion of taking legal action. If we are required to return to the same location for violation this order a second time, the owner and guests should expect to either be cited or arrested for violation of the order.

Sincerely,

Chief Craig Sorrell